UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE AT CHATTANOOGA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	
) Case No. 1:22-cr-0127-TRM-SKL-1
v.)
)
DONALD J. COYLE	

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b), I conducted a plea hearing in this case on November 5, 2024. At the hearing, defendant moved to withdraw his not guilty plea to Count Two of the two-count Indictment and entered a plea of guilty to Count Two of the Indictment, in exchange for the undertakings made by the government in the written Amended Superseding plea agreement [Doc. 79]. On the basis of the record made at the hearing, I find the defendant is fully capable and competent to enter an informed plea; the plea is made knowingly and with full understanding of each of the rights waived by defendant; the plea is made voluntarily and free from any force, threats, or promises, apart from the promises in the Amended Superseding plea agreement; the defendant understands the nature of the charge and penalties provided by law; and the plea has a sufficient basis in fact.

Therefore, I **RECOMMEND** defendant's motion to withdraw his not guilty plea to Count Two of the Indictment be accepted, the Court adjudicate defendant guilty of the charges set forth in Count Two of the Indictment, and a decision on whether to accept the Amended Superseding plea agreement be deferred until sentencing. Defendant has been released on bond under appropriate conditions of release pending sentencing in this matter without objection. I further **RECOMMEND** defendant remain on release on bond under appropriate conditions of release pending sentencing until sentencing in this

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matter.

Acceptance of the plea, adjudication of guilt, acceptance of the Amended Superseding plea agreement [Doc. 79], and imposition of sentence are specifically reserved for the district judge.

ENTER.

SUSAN K. LEE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

s/ Susan K. Qee

NOTICE TO PARTIES

You have the right to *de novo* review of the foregoing findings by the district judge. Any application for review must be in writing, must specify the portions of the findings or proceedings objected to, and must be filed and served no later than fourteen days after the plea hearing. Failure to file objections within fourteen days constitutes a waiver of any further right to challenge the plea of guilty in this matter. See 28 U.S.C. §636(b).